



Thursday, February 10  
**WESTERN STYLE.** — When New Mexico Senator Clinton P. Anderson moved into Raleigh last week-end to make the main address at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, he was wearing one of these big broad-brimmed, light tan western hats.  
Well, Gov. Luther Hodges also has one of the western style topers. As the official host for his old friend, Clinton Anderson, Gov. Hodges wore his western hat just to make the western visitor feel right at home here in the South.

**NOT ENOUGH ROOM.** — Sooner or later Democratic big-wigs of the state must do something about the location—at least the seating arrangements—for the Jefferson-Jackson dinner.  
There are usually from 500 to 600 at the event. This past Saturday night they had 600 good Democrats devouring their food at a per plate cost of \$50.  
Now when you pay \$50 for a plate of food—makes no difference if it is unusually fancy—you are going to do a little complaining if you are away off in another

room and can't even see the speaker. You hear the proceedings, of course, but the big business is entirely out of view.  
It may be that upwards of 150 Saturday night didn't see Clinton Anderson speak a word. Chances are a goodly number of these here see the speaker never even got to see the speaker. We just don't have in downtown Raleigh accommodations in one room for more than approximately 350 diners. That's why the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce holds its annual meeting in the big dining room at Meredith college.

There was quite a bit of complaining among those who could not get in the main room for the events at the dinner. To keep everybody happy, plans should be made to carry future dinners to Meredith college or probably to State college.

**TAXES.** — You will recall that we wrote here two, three weeks ago that—despite all the talk you may be hearing—there is a good chance the legislature will not put taxes on soft drinks as proposed in Gov. Hodges message—or on tobacco, also as outlined in the governor's address.  
The governor has told the legislators where they can find the revenue which the advisory budget commission says is needed. We doubt that he will get in a fight with the general assembly if they stray from his recommendations.  
We still think they will stray, too—with a sales tax straight across the board, with the possible exception of fertilizer, feed, etc.—and leave additional taxes off soft drinks and tobacco.

**WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS.** — Next month—March 19—the N. C. Democrats club of Washington, D. C., will hold its annual banquet in honor of the Tar Heel congressional delegation.  
No special invitation is required to attend; and reservations can be made through the offices of our congressmen and senators. The banquet is usually a colorful and beautiful affair and frequently attracts upwards of 500 people. The club gives prizes for the most constituents present from the various congressional districts.  
Although the fifth district has been winning the top prize hands down now for several years, at least two other districts are out to beat Thurmond Chatham and his crew this time.  
**TO EUROPE.**—Everett Jordan, the squire of Saxapahaw and democratic national committeeman for North Carolina, is leaving for an extended tour of Europe. He is scheduled to depart about the middle of this month, will be gone a couple of months. Incidentally, his dad is someone said he might miss

some exciting legislative occurrences during his absence. But those who know have assured National Committeeman Jordan that the legislature will still be in full swing when he returns here about the middle of April.

**LATE START.** — The 1955 edition of the N. C. General Assembly has now been at work for about six weeks. It seems to be a rather slow-moving session in some ways. For instance, all committees of both houses are usually named within the first two weeks of the session.  
But within the past few days committees were still being appointed in the house. The delay with committees may be due to the new approach which has been followed this time on budgetary matters.

In order that the members might be thoroughly versed on the monetary problems facing the state, the members of this year's legislature sat as a committee for several weeks while Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw, Tax Research Head Jim Currie, Asst. Budget Director D. S. Coltrane, and other experts in the field of taxation and spending came and talked to them, answered their questions, etc.  
The legislature still has a long way to go in arriving at any solution to the fiscal problems, but at least the taxation education has been made available to the members.

**HILL AND LITTLE.** — Crowell Little, one of the hottest backs ever to hit southern gridirons when he starred for Carolina, is the new president of the Chapel Hill-Carboro Merchants' association and Chamber of Commerce.  
Little is the sole owner of the Ford agency of Chapel Hill, having bought out Grady Pritchard, also a Carolina great and a member of its athletic council.

One of Little's good friends and a fair country center when he played at Duke was Dan Hill. Dan played about 93.3 per cent of the time in the year 1937 when the Blue Devils went undefeated, untied, and unscored-upon. He was one of Duke's first All-Americans.  
After graduation, Hill became assistant director of athletics—a job he held until relatively recently when he became associated with one of the largest paper and cardboard container firms in the business. Hill is in charge of the southern territory, is finding his work enjoyable and more lucrative than his athletic endeavors. A natural salesman—he proved that by bringing a lot of good high school football talent to Duke—Dan Hill has within a short time proven himself to be one of the star salesmen in the corporation of which he is a part.

**VISITOR.** — The midwinter sports banquet held at Wake Forest college this past week-end had as one of its honored guests Lin Hollowell, Jr., of Gastonia. Although the son of a Duke alumnus, young Hollowell likes Wake Forest. He hasn't made up his mind where he will play basketball next year. Meantime, several schools are after him as he is one of the better high school players in Dixie this year. Incidentally, his dad is chairman of the Democratic Execu-



**BLACK BEAR**  
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Nature thrill writers have at times tried to pep up their stories by claiming that their particularly villainous bear character was a cinnamon bear and not a black bear. They might with equal justice claim that a white pigeon had qualities superior to those of a blue pigeon. Cinnamon bears are simply color phases of the black bear. As David Newell aptly put it in his children's rhyme—  
"And black bear cubs, are brown, sometimes,  
A thing we can't explain in rhymes;  
But anyway it's really true  
That brown bears are just black bears too."

Of course this does not apply to the Alaskan brown bear which is another species but it does apply to the cinnamon bear.  
Black bears are most successful animals. They have managed to maintain their existence across the continent in spite of man. They were originally found in most of North America except in eastern California, eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Nevada and western Utah. There are 10 subspecies

of the black bear in the United States. One of these is the cinnamon bear which is found in the western United States. It is a color phase of the black bear.  
The black bear is a very adaptable animal. It can live in a variety of habitats, from the mountains to the lowlands. It is a very intelligent animal and is capable of using tools.  
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**NEW DEMANDS.** — We are reading and writing a lot about the legislature and schools and money and segregation, etc., but all this could change overnight if war should come as the result of recent action in Asia. The entire legislative picture would be changed—and an agency which is now seldom mentioned at all would be in the news forefront. I refer to civilian defense—an organization which would tomorrow become more important than our entire school system; our legislature, and our segregation problem. A shift in events can control the importance of action.

linor except to zoologists. All are found in wooded areas and often more commonly near centers of human population.  
A black bear is about 6 feet long and 3 feet high at the shoulder. The snout is long and usually lighter colored. There is usually a white throat patch. The tail is short.  
Normally a black bear may show front foot tracks measuring 3x4 inches with 5 claw marks and hind foot tracks measuring 4 by 7 inches also with 5 claw marks. In contrast to this a grizzly bear may make hind foot tracks measuring 5 by 12 inches. Black bears weigh up to 300 pounds; grizzlies to more than three times that amount.  
Black bears mate for the season only, usually in June. The 1 to 4 young are born 7 months later usually when the mother is in hibernation. The cubs weigh about 1/2 pound each, are blind and practically helpless. They remain with the mother at least until fall. The mother commonly bears young every other year and may live to be about 25 years old.

The food of black bears is varied and includes almost any animal matter, living or dead. Vegetables and fruits are also popular in season and an individual may range over an area 30 miles across in maintaining its existence.

Normally black bears will not molest human beings but a wounded bear or a mother defending her young, or a starved bear seeking food, may be dangerously aggressive. They are not to be trusted and park visitors who attempt to feed them do so at their own risk. These bears are clowns and their cages or dens in zoos are invariably popular. Bear meat is edible, particularly if the animal has fed on fruits and berries. The fur has a durability 85 per cent that of the standard otter.

The National Wildlife Federation encourages a better understanding of bears for the good of man and of the bears.—E. Laurence Palmer.

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Then a location had to be selected, and as is always the case, there was controversy. All this is now water-over-the-dam, and the county school board could have made a worse selection.  
There are about forty-five acres of school ground to be landscaped. Mr. Shuford's idea is to have a good artist make the over-all plan, and then allot certain sections to the various civic clubs in the vicinity. These clubs could place a permanent marker on their plot, and then take pride in keeping it up. The North Carolina Board of Education does not furnish funds for recreation, other than to build the gymnasium as a part of the regular building. All over America civic clubs are called upon to do things which should be done by general taxation, insofar as it concerns our schools. One problem which must be solved sooner or later is an athletic field, and this will loom large in the outside discussion.

On this trip one can not keep from thinking, that here lies a great responsibility. Before our eyes moved a cross-section of future America. At the age of six these pupils had entered the primary department, and its new phases of human relations. For about eight years they had been getting ready to enter this higher realm, from which in another four years they will walk out into a wide, yet very closely related world. In the "Grades" their teachers had had a big task. Perhaps not so much for them, but for others that came into the free-lunch problem and patronized the "Clothes Closet." In our admiration for the new school we should never forget where its pupils first got the educational idea.

Today the students at Owen High are a feast for tired eyes. A half-century ago there would have been a few "Show-offs" and perhaps a big bully that sooner or later would have to be taken down a few notches. We could not find this at our new high school. Things are different now. They have learned

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